

importation, they refused to put it up. A Mr. Cory was therefore engaged to come over and erect it, and keep it in tune for a year; he remained and went into business here. During the winter of 1824, Mr. Cory and Eben Sears went to New York to set up the Trinity Church organ. Christmas Eve the boss invited all hands to his house to celebrate; they drank and sung until pretty drunk, and at 10 P.M. the brothers Sears went home, leaving the rest to make a night of it. Upon his departure for New York, his employer left with Willard checks to make weekly payments to the men, and with which to buy stock. The rest of the men were foreigners, and kept up their carouse for three weeks until delirium tremens set in. Their poor wives came to Mr. Sears for money with which to buy food, which he gave them without authority, and was much perplexed what to do. He then made a vow that he would never take alcoholic drinks, and this resolution he adhered to, except in two instances, first, when urged by his pastor in Brewster when calling on him; and second, when about to join Essex St. Church, Boston, he called upon the Deacon, an Englishman by birth, who would take no refusal. In 1825, he formed a partnership with his brother Eben as housewrights and carpenters, which was dissolved in 1830, he continuing on his own account, and later with Jonas Fitch, in active business until 1855. In 1826, while building a block of brick houses on Haymarket place, he wished to break up the custom of furnishing grog to the men at 11 and 4 each day. About July 3, the ridgepole was raised, and the usage then was that the men were at liberty to drink as often and as much as they pleased. The day was hot, and the men drank all the more, the staging was insecurely built and broke down, and some of the men had broken bones as well as bruises. Mr. Sears' brother had his collar bone broken, and received other injuries which confined him to the house for several weeks. During his illness Willard offered the men ten cents more a day to give up their rations, and about one-half agreed to do so. In three days he had a full gang of young, smart and good men at work, and the next month's pay, for an equal amount of work, was one third less than in grog days. Seeing this result, the brothers never afterward furnished any liquor or drank any themselves.

Mr. Sears came to Boston the year the municipal government was established and soon became prominent in a series of events which resulted in a complete revolutionizing of the city fire department. He was at that time a member of the "Young Men's Association," devoted to exposing and breaking up gambling, dance-houses, etc. As a Mayor's detective, young Sears discovered the weakness of the department, and its remarkable strength also. There was a body of 1500 young, smart, athletic men, organized in such a way as to be scarcely at all under the control of the city government. The city furnished the engines, and kept them in repair, and then the companies did about as they pleased, except when they were at fires, when they were nominally under the control of the fire wardens, and even this was more by sufferance than discipline. The volunteers worked well at a fire, and were prompt in getting there. Cash presents, gifts of liquors and eatables, were freely donated to the firemen by grateful persons whose property had been in danger; then followed the inevitable carousal, which did not cease so long as the materials lasted. The firemen represented every social degree, each having its own company, and none had more elegant, luxurious and prolonged carousals than the swell company of Beacon Hill. Needless to say, fires were frequent. One Sunday morning in 1828, Mr. Sears entered an engine house. The members of that company were not graded low in the social scale, but were all the sons of reputable parents. It was the morning after a fire, and sitting round, in a dazed condition, were half a dozen members,

just recovering from their debauch, while ²more than 20 young men lay helplessly drunk on the floor, and among them several women, also stupified.

Such was the condition of things when Mr. Sears joined the Boston fire department. His principles having become known, he was refused admission to the existing organizations, but he procured leave to form a company, and became the Captain of it. No. 8, as it was called, was the entering wedge that finally split, and broke up the existing system. Mr. Sears organized with 100 young men pledged to reform. On the wall of the engine house hung the roll of membership, at the top of which were the words, "No drinking of liquor, No using of tobacco, No profanity while on duty."

Each pledge had its vertical column, and list of members underneath.

Every name must be in the first column, and most of them ~~were~~ ^{were} in all.

In consequence of this innovation all the old companies were down on No. 8, and it was annoyed in all possible ways, and systematically obstructed whenever it started for a fire, and the bitterness was not softened by the fact that No. 8, was the most efficient company in Boston. Capt. Sears resolved to bring matters to a head, and on the next alarm of fire, No. 12 purposely obstructing his path, he gave his men orders to pass at all hazards, and as the result, No. 12, was a wreck. He was arraigned before the Mayor, who was very wroth, and threatened to disband the company.

In reply, Capt. Sears referred to the ordinance:-- "You will at once proceed to the fire, and break down all obstructions." "There Mr. Mayor is the law, and we only obeyed it, and now I will resign, I have had trouble and annoyance enough, and will have nothing more to do with it." At the Mayor's request he finally consented to continue in the department, but the annoyances did not cease, the city government would not repair the engine, and the work was done at his expense. He finally disbanded the company.

For a few years thereafter the fire department went from bad to worse, until at last it came to a crisis brought on by the efforts of the municipal government to bring about a reform, and all the companies disbanded, leaving the city without a single company to protect property in case of fire. At this juncture Mr. Sears was called upon by the presidents of the Insurance companies, and requested to take charge of a company they had organized, composed of leading men of Boston, such as Capt. Williams, Dr. Hayward, Hon. Mr. Wheeler, Dea. Charles Scudder, and other gentlemen from Beacon street, and Collonade Row. After some demur, he consented, but at the first trial satisfactorily convinced them that they were not the right material for such dirty and laborious work, and that the only true, and the cheapest system for the Insurance companies and property holders was a paid fire department, and this too, out of regard for the morals of the youth of the city. A committee was thereupon appointed to wait upon the Mayor and Aldermen, and state their views upon the subject, and as a result the city established the paid fireman's system in 1838, the first in the United States.

About the year 1837, Rev. Sylvester Graham, lectured in Boston, on Temperance, Physiology and Hygiene advocating a vegetable diet, and the use of unbolted flour, now so popular under the name of "Graham Flour."

The bakers and rummies became much incensed, mobbed him, and drove the ladies, to whom he was lecturing, into the street. The ladies then applied to Mr. Sears for the use of the hall attached to the Marlboro Hotel, owned by him, and a day being set for the lecture, notice was printed in three papers that Graham would be mobbed. The Mayor sent the City Marshal to Mr. Sears, ordering him forthwith to appear at the City Hall. Mr. Sears was at the time employed with his men in pulling down some old plastering in the hotel, and was covered with mortar and dust. He told the Marshal

that he was busy, had violated no law, and would not go. The Marshal then left, but shortly returned with a carriage, and "the Mayor's compliments," requesting the favor of an interview, to which Mr. Sears then consented. An account of the interview may be found in the "Liberator," of March 24, 1837, under the head of "Mob Law." The result was that the Mayor told him that the building would be mobbed, and he could not protect him with the force at his disposal, and if he persisted in letting it be used by Graham, he must take the consequences. Mr. Sears seeing that little was to be expected from the city officials, decided to protect his property himself at all hazards. He directed his workmen to place the plaster in heaps by the windows, together with a quantity of lime, and await orders which he would transmit through his clerk. After parleying some time with the mob which assembled outside the barricade that had been erected to protect passers-by during the alterations, and finding that they were bent on mischief and could no longer be delayed, he retired through a small door and gave a preconcerted signal. At once the workmen commenced shovelling out the lime and plaster from the upper windows.

The mob looking up to see what was to pay, in a moment had their eyes and mouths filled with the pungent dust, there was a strong wind blowing, and the street was presently filled with a cloud of lime. Flesh and blood could not stand this, the mob broke and retired, and Mr. Sears had won a bloodless victory. The papers discussed the matter thoroughly, and the public finally decided for the right of free speech. In a few weeks the Mayor called upon Mr. Sears and said, "If you will stop Garrison from writing any more about me, when you dedicate your Chapel, I will protect you and your property, if I have to call in the State and Navy soldiers, with all the police. Sir, I was wrong, but do stop Garrison, he is ruining my character, and bringing me to disgrace." At the dedication of Marlboro Chapel, he, without solicitation, put 30 policemen inside, and 40 outside, and held the military in reserve.

Of course, Mr. Sears was one of the earliest abolitionists and free-soilers. In 1834, George Thompson, an English emancipationist, on his return from the West Indies, came to Boston to deliver a lecture. The use of Faneuil Hall was granted, but permission revoked by the city authorities.

Mr. Sears and Amasa Walker then hired Julien Hall, for the purpose, giving their bond for \$17,000, to pay any damage that might be done by a mob. This also was revoked, and the only place that could be procured was Ritchie Hall, over Dea. Gulliver's carpet store, corner of Temple Place. The entrance was soon surrounded by an armed mob of Southerners and their sympathizers, and Thompson was finally taken out through a hoisting scuttle in the rear, placed in a carriage with J. S. Withington, and driven to the house of J. G. Whittier in Amesbury. He did not dare to return, but embarked shortly for England. During the disturbance Mr. Sears was on guard at the door; was struck several times, but not materially injured, and held the fort until Thompson had retired.

In 1836, Mr. Sears and Dea. Charles Scudder fitted out the first missionary to Jamaica, (an Oberlin student,) and established the first station there.

He was the first to take a colored apprentice, later procuring for him a commission as Justice of the Peace, guaranteeing his good conduct.

He was intimately connected with the "Underground Railway," and aided many fugitives on their way to Canada and freedom.

The "Marlboro Hotel" was opened by him as a temperance house, the first in this country. No liquor was to be sold in it, and at first no smoking was allowed, but this latter was conceded later. The ladies and gentle-

men's parlors were thrown open morning and evening for religious services.

Grace was said before every meal, and for twenty-six years the observance of the services was continuous and uninterrupted. The Chapel in the rear was a free hall for lectures and discussions on all moral and social questions. It was opened in May 1838, and was run as a free hall and chapel for fourteen years. It was afterward let for the "Lowell Institute" Lectures.

The house was patronized by a class of quiet, religious people who wanted such a stopping place when they came to the city. John G. Whittier, Henry W. Longfellow, and Henry Wilson were frequent guests.

During a long life, Mr. Sears contracted for and built numerous edifices, both public and private, among them the Fitchburg Depot, Boston, and all stations and freight-houses to Fitchburg; Eastern R. R. stations and old ferry-houses; Boston & Worcester Depot in Boston, and stations and freight-houses to Worcester; Old Colony Depot, Boston, and stations to Sandwich; and much other railroad work in the east and west; some twenty or more churches, among which were the Swedenborgian, Dr. Kirk's, and Essex St., Boston; Catholic Ch. South Boston; Cong. Ch., Bunker's Hill, Charlestown; Dr. Thompson's Roxbury; Dr. Langworthy's Ch., Chelsea; West Newton and Brookline Churches, etc.; he built and owned Marlboro Hotel and Chapel, and reconstructed the States Prison at Charlestown.

He was one of the petitioners and obtained the charter for the Female Medical College, Boston, and was a trustee; put up the first sixty buildings in San Francisco, but lost by fire and ship-wreck \$250,000, being uninsured. He owned the ship "Roland," and cargo, and the cargo in bark "Henry Ware," both of which were lost upon the voyage.

Mr. Sears obtained the charter and called the first meeting to organize the Northern Pacific R. R., and was in the board of directors for five years.

He purchased the Alburg Springs Hotel, Vt., and the Mineral Springs connected therewith, after having himself experienced their marvelous curative powers.

Mr. Sears was by nature a radical reformer, a teetotaler, anti-tobacco-nist, abolitionist and free-soiler; for a time a vegetarian, but this did not hold; he early took the anti-mason infection, and never got over it.

He was a strict Sabbatarian, and a perfect type of the old Cape Cod Puritan, and had he lived in the days of Cromwell, would doubtless have been one of the Ironsides.

Charitable by nature, his benefactions were large and constant.

Oberlin College long found in him a liberal patron; during several years he annually gave \$6,000, towards its support, and he estimated that he gave in all near \$100,000, to that institution, besides paying the expenses of Mr. Finney and family on a tour in Europe; as a trustee he took the place of Ossawatimie Brown, and served many years. Many other religious, educational and charitable institutions have partaken of his bounty.

The poor and oppressed ever found his heart and purse open, and many a fugitive from oppression had cause to bless him.

Of a large and muscular mould, he possessed great strength and endurance; dark in complexion, his jet black hair later became an iron-gray; he was quick spoken and decided in manner, and had great success in managing the large gangs of men in his employ.

Soon after his first marriage, he went to reside in Brookline, removing thence to West Newton, and later to Watertown, to a large estate on the Charles river, which was taken by the government for an addition to the Arsenal grounds, and he removed to Newtonville, and later to Newton, where he died in 1890.

686. ARNOLD⁶ SEARS, (Nathaniel⁵, Nathaniel⁴, John³, Paul², Richard¹) b. Yarmouth, Mass., Dec. 25, 1781; d. Pawtucket, R.I., Feb. 27, 1856, ae. 74 yrs. 2 mos. 2 days; m. int. Dennis, Mass., Oct. 3, 1807, Thankful^a Merchant of Yar., who d. Pawtucket, Oct. 18, 1861, ae. 77 yrs. 1 mo. 18 days.

Children in Yarmouth:

*1455. 1. OBED, b. Jan. 16, 1808.

1456. 2. Abraham, b. Sept. 6, 1809; d. Pawtucket, July 11, 1852, ae. 42 yrs. 11 mos.

1457. 3. Caroline, b. July 12, 1811.

*1458. 4. ARNOLD HOWES, b. Sept. 1, 1815.

1459. 5. Laura Ann, b. Jan. 16, 1817.

1460. 6. Orlando, b. Jan. 24, 1820.

1461. 7. Susan, b. Oct. 16, 1824; m. int. Yar., Oct. 1, 1856, William Crowell of Yar.

Arnold Sears removed to Pawtucket, R.I., and a child d. July 1, 1822."

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689. NATHANIEL⁶ SEARS, (Nathaniel⁵, Nathaniel⁴, John³, Paul², Richard¹) b. Yarmouth, Mass., Aug. 12, 1785; d. Dec. 3, 1847, ae. 61 yrs. 3 mos. 12 dys.; m. Harwich, Mass., Apr. 2, 1806, Thankful Chase; and 2d., int. Dennis, Mass., Aug. 5, 1813, Hitty Ellis of Den.; and 3d., Brewster, Mass., Apr. 9, 1830, (another account says 1833,) Thankful Walker, dau. of Benjamin & Thankful (Robbins) W., (who m. 2d., -----.)

Children:

by Hitty in Dennis:

1462. 1. Thankful, b. Jan. 24, 1814; m. Dec. 17, 1835, Abiel Ellis of Harwich.

1463. 2. Polly, b. Oct. 1815; d. inf.

1464. 3. Mary Ann, b. Aug. 1, 1817; m. Feb. 9, 1837, Carmi Hall of Harwich; and 2d., Feb. 22, 1841, Isaac Smith of Harwich.

1465. 4. Achsah, b. Sept. 2, 1819; m. May 8, 1842, Benjamin Baker of Harwich, and d. Apr. 11, 1883, ae. 63 yrs. 7 mos. 9 dys.

*1466. 5. ALVIN, b. Jan. 10, 1822.

by Thankful, in Brewster,

1467. 6. Mehitable, b. ~~July 20, 1833; (another account says Jan. 1841;)~~
m. Brewster, June 14, 1868, John H. Crowell, son of John & Phebe
C., of Dennis, ~~he b. 1823.~~

*1468. 7. NATHANIEL, b. May 1, 1836.

*1469. 8. HENRY CLARK, b. Mar. 16, 1845.

1470. 9. Jedidah, b. Jan. 10, 1847; m. Nov. 23, 1865, Washington A. Eldredge
of Chatham, Mass., son of Washington & Elizabeth E., of Brewster.

? 1471. 10. Greene.

Mr. Sears was a fisherman, and lived in Dennis and Brewster.

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691. LOT⁶ SEARS, (Nathaniel⁵, Nathaniel⁴, John³, Paul², Richard¹), b. Yarmouth, Mass., Apr. 11, 1791; d. May 25, 1860; m. Nov. 11, 1821, Jemima Marchant of Yar., who d. Jan. 26, 1852.

Children in Dennis:

1472. 1. Barnabas.

1473. 2. Bethia, b. Aug. 24, 1824; m. 1848, Baxter Studley, and lived in R.I.

1474. 3. Lot Hallett, b. July 31, 1826; m. Mrs. Charity -----; lived in South Yarmouth; had no children.

*1475. 4. BENJAMIN, b. Nov. 20, 1828.

1476. 5. Asa, b. Sept. 13, 1831.

1477. 6. Melina, b. May 23, 1834; m. Harwich, Jan. 29, 1855, David H. Snow of Har., and lived in Pawtucket, R.I.

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694. FREEMAN⁶ SEARS, (Nathaniel⁵, Nathaniel⁴, John³, Paul², Richard¹), b. Dennis, Mass., Jan. 24, 1799; d. East Dennis, Apr. 19, 1879, ae. 80 yrs. 2 mos. 16 dys., gr-st., Brewster; m. Den., Dec. 20, 1821, Hitty Crosby of Den., she b. Aug. 2, 1796; d. July 22, 1848, ae. 52 yrs., gr-st., Br.; and 2d., Brewster, Feb. 20, 1849, Mary Davis, dau. of Rev. Joshua & Esther D., of Br., who d. Apr. 19, 1855, ae. 40 yrs., gr-st.; and 3d., Den., May

25, 1856, Patty Baker of Den., who d. Sept. 20, 1859, ae. 72 yrs., gr-st.; and 4th., Den., Sept. 27, 1860, Sally J. Crosby, who d. Oct. 17, 1875, ae. 58 yrs., gr-st.; and 5th., Den., May 2, 1876, Mary Mayo, who d. Oct. 18, 1876, ae. 58 yrs., gr-st.; and 6th., Den., Feb. 15, 1877, Temperance D. Tobey, who survived him.

Children in Dennis:

by Hitty,

1478. 1. Deborah, b. Oct. 26, 1822; m. int. Brewster, May 14, 1842, Ahira Clark.

1479. 2. Barnabas, b. Jan. 9, 1826; d. Mar. 11, 1826.

*1480. 3. FREEMAN F., b. June 9, 1828.

1481. 4. Mary A., b. Nov. 8, 1831; m. Brewster, Feb. 9, 1859, Nathaniel Porter Keene of North Weymouth, Mass., son of Nathaniel & Margery K., of Pembroke, Mass., he b. 1833.

1482. 5. Calvin, b. Mar. 14, 1834; d. Feb. 12, 1839.

1483. 6. Barnabas, b. Mar. 30, 1837; m. Harwich, Jan. 19, 1860, Susan S. Rogers, res. North Harwich.

1484. 7. Rachel, b. Jan. 14, 1840; m. Pembroke Mayo, and d. Mar. 10, 1860.

by Mary,

1485. 8. Joshua D., b. Jan. 8, 1850; m. Jan. 11, 1872, Elenor B. Studley of Harwich.

1486. 9. Esther, b. Nov. 5, 1851; *D. Sept. 23, 1902, in So. 10. 18. Marshall, Mass. Elphing Prior, son of Anna + Seth A. (Petterson) P., he b. Duxbury, Mass. Feb. 16, 1838; res. Duxbury, Mass. Children, Prior:*

1487. 10. Benjamin, b. Aug. 29, 1854; d. Oct. 1, 1855. *1. Mary, Taylor, b. Plymouth, Mass. 2. Fred. Weston, b. Weymouth, Mass.*

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701. Hon. DAVID⁶ SEARS, (David⁵, Daniel⁴, Daniel³, Paul², Richard¹) b.

Boston, Mass., Oct. 8, 1787; d. Jan. 14, 1871, ae. 83 yrs.; m. Boston, June 13, 1809, by Rev. John S. J. Gardiner, to Miriam Clarke Mason, dau. of Hon. Jonathan M., of Boston.

Children:

1488. 1. David Mason, d. young in Falmouth, England.

1489. 2. Anna Powell Grant, b. 1813; d. Nov. 29, 1895; m. Boston, Jan. 17, 1833, William Amory, who d. 1894.

Children, Amory:

1. William, m. Ellen Brewer, dau. of Gardner B., of Boston, and 2d., -----, a French lady; res. Quincy, Mass.
2. Harriet, m. Joseph Peabody Gardner of Boston.
3. Ellen, m. Gen. John F. Anderson, and d. Boston, May 28, 1908.
4. Charles Walter, m. Elizabeth Gardner of Boston.
5. Francis Inman, m. Grace Minot of Boston.

1490. 3. Harriet E. Dickason, b. 1814; m. George Caspar Crowninshield. Children, Crowninshield:

1. Caspar, Gen.; m. Elizabeth Copley Greene of Boston.
2. Fanny, m. John Quincy Adams of Quincy, Mass.
3. Cora, m. Charles Boydon of Boston.

1491. 4. Cordelia Mason, b. 1816; d. unmd.

1492. 5. Ellen, b. 1819; m. Canton de Vaud, Switzerland, Aug. 22, 1837, Paul Daniel Gonsalve Grand d' Hauteville; (he m. 2d., his cousin, Countess Catherine Zeppelin.) Child, Grand d' Hauteville:

1. Frederic Sears, b. Sept. 27, 1838; m. Elizabeth Fish, dau. of Hon. Hamilton F.; and 2d., Susan Maccomb, dau. of Maj. Alexander M., of New York. He was a Captain on Staff during the War.

*1493. 6. DAVID, b. 1822.

*1494. 7. FREDERIC RICHARD, b. 1824.

1495. 8. Winthrop, d. young.

1496. 9. Grace Winthrop, b. 1828; m. Boston, May 15, 1849, William Cabell Rives, Jr., of Virginia, who d. Washington, D.C., Apr. 1889. Children, Rives:

1. William Cabell, M.D., m. Ethel Rhineland of N.Y.
2. Alice, d. Denver, Col., Mar. 29, 1887.
3. Arthur Landon.

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*1497. 10. WINTHROP, b. 1832; his name was changed by Act of Mass. Leg., Mar. 24, 1849, to KNYVET WINTHROP.

"Mr. Sears was educated in the best schools that Boston at that time afforded, and after a preparatory course of study in the Latin School, entered Harvard College in 1803, at the age of 16, taking his Bachelor's degree in 1807.

"He read law for a time, and soon after his marriage in 1809, sailed for Europe with his wife, and passed several years in foreign travel, at a most interesting period in Continental history.

"The sudden death of his father devolved on him the care of a large estate, and before he was thirty years of age he was called to assume that responsible position among the very richest men of Boston, which he continued to hold during half a century.

"Building for himself a costly and elegant mansion fit for the generous hospitalities which belong to wealth, he began early to make plans for doing his share in acts of public and private beneficence.

"In 1820, he was actively associated with the erection of St. Paul's Church on Tremont street, and he subsequently gave that parish a fund which now exceeds forty thousand dollars in value; this was followed in succeeding years by various provisions for other religious, literary and charitable objects, which, while accomplishing valuable purposes at once, may not exhibit their full fruit for a long time to come.

"The 'Sears Tower,' of the Observatory at Cambridge, built at his cost, gave the first encouragement to an establishment which has been munificently endowed by others, and to whose permanent fund he was also a handsome contributor.

"About 1820, Mr. Sears purchased some 200 acres of land in the suburbs of Boston, which has since become the beautiful village of Longwood, which he proceeded to lay out and beautify at great expense, giving to many of the streets and squares names which he believed to be identified with the family name in this country and England.

"A capacious stone chapel, built after the design of St. Peter's Church in Colchester, England, and to which he gave the name of 'Christ's Church in Longwood,' contains in its basement, vaults constructed as a last resting place for himself and those most dear to him.

"For this church he prepared a form of service in accordance with his peculiar views, and which has been described as 'the Book of Common Prayer, with anything of the nature of Calvinism carefully weeded out, mildly tinctured with the writings of Channing, but more strongly flavored with Romanism,' and stated service was maintained during the last eight years of his life.

"A block of houses near by, destined ultimately for the dwellings of such as had seen better days, and to be known as 'The Seearstan Charter House,' and an accumulating fund for under the control of the Overseers of the Poor, Boston, which has added not a little, year by year, to the comfort and support of a large number of poor women, will bear testimony to his thoughtful and well considered benevolence.

(After the death of Mr. Sears, by an arrangement between his heirs and the city of Boston, his various endowments for the poor of his native place were amalgamated under the comprehensive title of 'The David Sears Charity.' In 1886, this fund amounted to near \$280,000, and will be much increased by the rise in real estate.)

"Mr. Sears often enjoyed such honors as he would accept, and served as Representative to the Mass. Leg., in 1816-18, 1824-25, and 1828, and as a Senator in 1826 and 1851.

"He was a Presidential Elector in 1868, and invited his colleagues of the State Electoral College to meet the President elect, General Grant, at his house in Boston.

"In early life he was a member of the Independent Corps of Cadets, and commissioned Ensign. In 1818, he presented the company with a new standard and provided for them an elegant entertainment.

"He occasionally mingled in the public discussions of the day, and an elaborate letter which he addressed to John Quincy Adams on the best method of abolishing slavery, while that was still a living question, will be particularly remembered among his contributions to the public press.

"Mr. Sears was one of the first to own and occupy a summer residence at Nahant, but finding it too bleak for his own taste, and tempted by the softer atmosphere of the Gulf Stream, he built in 1845, a marine villa

at Newport, to which he gave the name of 'Red Cross'. Its extensive grounds are built over, but the immediate neighborhood is still pleasantly associated with in many minds with the remembrance of his refined, graceful and unostentatious hospitality.

"With his characteristic generosity, he conveyed to the municipality a fund of five thousand dollars, the income to be devoted to benevolent objects.

"The summer of 1869, was his last at Newport; the next year his health became seriously impaired, and he died in Boston, Jan. 14, 1871, at the advanced age of eighty three, his wife, with whom he had lived near sixty three years, having preceded him by a few months.

"He will long be remembered by all who knew him, as one of the courteous and dignified gentlemen of the old school, of whom so few are now left to remind us of the manners and bearing of other days."

(In middle life Mr. Sears became interested in the subject of family history and genealogy, and employed the late Mr. H. G. Somerby to make searches in England to trace his ancestry, and expended a large sum in these researches. His kinsman, Rev. Edmund H. Sears, undertook to edit the material collected, but he had no practical acquaintance with genealogy, and allowed himself to become responsible for a series of romantic legends under the title of "Pictures of the Olden Time," to which was added in a private edition for the family, a genealogical account of the English and American branches.

About the year 1848, Mr. Sears erected monuments and mural tablets to various members of the family in Yarmouth and Chatham, Mass.; Newport, R.I.; and in St. Peter's Church, Colchester, England, to which church he presented in 1852, "a flagon and paten of elegant design and elaborate workmanship, enclosed in a handsome wainscoat box." In 1855, he endowed the Church with 100 pounds in trust, for charitable purposes, to which he added in 1858, a further sum, now known as "The Sears Dole."

Mr. Sears deposited with the N.E. Hist. Gen. Society, medals to be given those of the name of Sears proving their descent from Richard and Dorothy Sears, a description of which may be found in the Gen. Reg., vol. 26, page 182.

Subsequent investigation has developed that Mr. Sears was grossly deceived in many particulars of the pedigree and early history of his family, so that the monuments erected by him, and the genealogies he printed, now for the most part only serve to perpetuate unfortunate delusions.)

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706. EDWARD⁶ SEARS, (Edward⁵, Silas⁴, Silas³, Silas², Richard¹) b. Yarmouth, Mass., Apr. 9, 1779; d. South Dennis, Mass., Oct. 10, 1858; m. Harvich, Mass., Apr. 20, 1807²¹⁸⁰⁴, by Rev. Abner Lewis to Abigail Baker, dau. of Shubael & Rebecca (Chase) B., she b. Har., Nov. 22, 1783; d. So. Den., Sept. 13, 1853.

Children in Dennis:

*1498. 1. GRAFTON, b. Feb. 9, 1805.

*1499. 2. EDWARD, b. July 4, 1808.

*1500. 3. SHUBAEL B., b. July 27, 1810.

*1501. 4. MICHAEL, b. Aug. 30, 1812.

*1502. 5. SYLVANUS, b. Sept. 4, 1815.

*1503. 6. JEPHTAH B., b. June 8, 1817.

1504. 7. Henry B., b. Oct. 12, 1819; was drowned Feb. 5, 1833.

1505. 8. Abigail, b. Dec. 12, 1821; m. May 23, 1845, Capt. Abiathar Doane,
and d. July 20, 1855.

Children, Doane:

1. Abiathar, m. M. Louise Robinson.

2. Abigail B.

3. Priscilla S., m. George R. Fogg.

*1506. 9. BENJAMIN PARKER, b. Sept. 27, 1826.

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709. JAMES⁶ SEARS, (Moody⁵, Silas⁴, Silas³, Silas², Richard¹), b. Yarmouth,
Mass., Apr. 12, 1766; d. Yar., Oct. 8, 1830; m. Dec. 10, 1789, Thankful
Hallett, dau. of Jeremiah & Hannah (Griffith) H., she b. Oct. 6, 1764; d.
May 13, 1791; and 2d., Apr. 14, 1793, Elizabeth Sears, who d. July 2, 1837;
and 3d., Yar., Nov. 1837, Rebecca Crowell. (Int. Harwich, Dec. 15, 1792,
to Mary Sears, and again, Apr. 12, 1793, to Betsy Sears of Dennis, the
first entry being evidently an error in name for Elizabeth.)

Children in Yarmouth:

by Thankful,

1507. 1. Thankful, b. May 13, 1791; d. same day.

1508. 2. Jerusha, b. May 13, 1791, twin; d. next day, and with her sister
was buried in the same coffin with their mother.

by Elizabeth,

1509. 3. Child, d. July 1795.

1510. 4. Thankful, b. Jan. 8, 1798; m. Yar., 1817, Edward Crowell, 3d.,
of Dennis, he b. 1789.

Children, Crowell:

1. Sears.

2. Edward E.

3. Freeman.
4. Cyrus.
- and 2 others.

*1511. 5. JAMES, b. Sept. 28, 1799.

1512. 6. Freeman, b. Sept. 9, 1802; m. int. Yar., Oct. 29, 1824, Patience Eldredge.

1513. 7. Lavinia, b. July 3, 1804; m. int. Yar., Aug. 25, 1825, Gorham Baker.

1514. 8. Otis, b. Jan. 20, 1806; d. July 31, 1827.

1515. 9. Betsy, b. Jan. 13, 1808; m. July 1827, Reuben Worth of Nantucket.

1516. 10. Fessenden, b. Apr. 1, 1818.

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711. PRINCE⁶ SEARS, (Moody⁵, Silas⁴, Silas³, Silas², Richard¹) b. Yarmouth, Mass., Dec. 20, 1769; d. South Dartmouth, Mass., Aug. 13, 1808, ae. 38 yrs.; m. int. Dennis, Mar. 4, 1794, Achsah Collins of Den., dau. of David C., of Chatham, Mass., she b. July 2⁸, 1776; d. Monument, Mass., Feb. 16, 1858, ae. 81 yrs.; (she was a sister of Anna Collins who m. Isaiah Sears,) No. 714.

Children in Dennis, except the last in Dartmouth:

1517. 1. Collins, b. Apr. 27, 1795; d. May 14, 1812, ae. 17 yrs., gr-st.

*1518. 2. PRINCE, b. Aug. 15, 1797.

1519. 3. Ezra, b. Aug. 20, 1799; d. Sept. 8, 1799.

1520. 4. David, b. Aug. 6, 1800; d. Aug. 19, 1800.

1521. 5. Eunice, b. July 7, 1801; d. Oct. 21, 1878; m. int. Oct. 15, 1818, in So. Dartmouth, Gorham Thacher, a ship-carpenter; (his 2d. wife.) Children, Thacher: *1. Prince S. b. 1818; d. 1838; m. 1838; dau. of 10% - Thacher and 111.*

1. Prince S.

2. Preserved D.

3. Phebe, m. Alfred Washburn.

4. Eunice, m. Edward Curtis.

5. George L.

1522. 6. Clarissa, b. June 2, 1803; d. Oct. 24, 1823, ae. 20 yrs.

1523. 7. Sally Howes, b. Aug. 13, 1805; d. Newport, R.I., Mar. 30, 1879, ae. 73 yrs.; m. Lurin Bourne.

1524. 8. Son, b. and d. July 1806.

So. Dartmouth, Mass.

1525. 9. Achsah Collins, b. Mar. 9, 1808; m. Jan. 26, 1830, Capt. Ezekiel Harding, who d. Oct. 18, 1850; res. Widdishore, Mass.

Children, Harding:

1. Andrew Sears, d. May 1867, ae. 17 yrs.
2. Watie Ann.
3. Achsah Sears, m. Fred. Wood.
4. George Gideon.
5. Andrew Alvin.

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714. ISAAH⁶ SEARS, (Moody⁵, Silas⁴, Silas³, Silas², Richard¹) b. Yarmouth, Mass., Mar. 18, 1777; d. Dartmouth, Mass., Feb. 14, 1864, ae. 87 yrs.; m. Chatham, Mass., Feb. 25, 1797, Sarah Ann Collins, dau. of David C., who b. May 1778; d. So. Dartmouth, Aug. 13, 1845, ae. 67 yrs.

Children in Yarmouth:

1526. 1. Mehitable, b. Apr. 9, 1799; d. Aug. 1820; m. Gideon Perry, (1st 2d. wife.)
- *1527. 2. MOODY, b. Dec. 13, 1799.
1528. 3. Elizabeth, b. Sept. 1, 1801; d. Dec. 1851; m. Feb. 15, 1821, Freeman Crowell, Jr., of West Dennis.
1529. 4. Rosanna, b. July 25, 1803; d. unmd., New Bedford, Mass., Aug. 22, 1879.
1530. 5. Deborah, b. June 26, 1806; d. New Bedford, Apr. 1852; m. Josephus Ellis of Sandwich, Mass.
1531. 6. Susan C., b. Oct. 25, 1807; ~~1808~~; d. So. Dartmouth, Oct. 6, 1859.
1532. 7. Charlotte, b. Oct. 25, 1808; ^{Thompson} d. Nov. 1808.
- *1533. 8. ISAAH, b. Oct. 11, 1810.
1534. 9. Peter C., b. Oct. 6, 1812; (another account says Sept. 29;) d. unmd., Sandwich, Mass., Nov. 13, 1832.
1535. 10. Eunice, b. Nov. 13, 1814; m. South Dartmouth, Dec. 14, 1834, Eben R. Smith, he b. Chatham, Mass., Aug. 20, 1811; d. New Bedford, Aug. 1871; res. N.B.
- Children, Smith:
1. Marynette C., b. 1837.
 2. Arabella J., b. 1839.
 3. Theophilus, b. Oct. 7, 1841; m. Sept. 6, 1861, Mary W. Allen, she b. Westport, Mass., May 21, 1840.
- South* Children, Allen:
1. Eben R.
 2. Marynette.
 3. Almira.

4. Susan C., b. Feb. 1843; m. ^{Charles Bedford} Rickotson, res. New Bedford.

1536.11. Mary Ann, b. Dec. 6, 1816; d. New Bedford, June 1853; m. int. Edgartown, Mass., June 6, 1835, Hiram F. Norton of Edgartown.

1537.12. Sarah Howes, b. May 7, 1822; m. Joseph Howland, res. New Bedford.

Isaiah Sears was a fisherman, and taught school during the winter in Yarmouth and Dennis.

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715. ENOCH⁶ SEARS, (Moody⁵, Silas⁴, Silas³, Silas², Richard¹) b. Yarmouth, Mass., June 28, 1779; d. at sea, June 1839; m. Harwich, Mass., Dec. 5, 1799, Bethia Kelley of Har.

Child:

1538. 1. Mercy, b. 1801; m. Harwich, Mass., Oct. 14, 1824, Freeman Ryder, son of Paul & Hannah R., he b. 1800.

Children, Ryder:

1. Bethia, b. 1825.

2. Freeman, b. 1829.

3. Rosalinda, b. 1833; d. 1839.

4. David, b. 1836; d. 1839.

5. John, b. 1840.

1538a. 2. Rosalinda, b. 1802; d. Nov. 27, 1826, ae. 24 yrs.

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720. Capt. LEWIS⁶ SEARS, (Eleazar⁵, Silas⁴, Silas³, Silas², Richard¹) b. Yarmouth, Mass., Oct. 26, 1767; d. South Yarmouth, Sept. 20, 1848, ae. 80 yrs., gr-st., So. Yar.; m. Yar., Apr. 9, 1792, (another account says Apr. 18,) Ruth Baker, dau. of Sylvanus & Jane B., she b. Yar., Aug. 29, 1772; d. Brewster, Mass., Oct. 26, 1856, ae. 84 yrs., gr-st.

Children in Yarmouth:

*1539. 1. JONATHAN, b. Dec. 12, 1792.

*1540. 2. LEWIS, b. Sept. 14, 1795;

1541. 3. Ruth, b. Nov. 4, 1797; d. Mar. 31, 1801.

1542. 4. Eleazar, b. Oct. 16, 1800; d. Aug. 31, 1823, gr-st.

*1543. 5. HIRAM, b. Oct. 10, 1803.

1544. 6. Ruth, b. Feb. 10, 1806; d. Oct. 4, 1875; m. Aug. 7, 1825, Capt.

John Freeman of Brewster, he b. Mar. 25, 1800; d. July 2, 1864.
 Children, Freeman:
 1. John, b. Aug. 24, 1835; m. Jane S. Nickerson of Dennis.
 2. Benjamin, b. Sept. 8, 1843; m. Sarah F. Freeman of Sandwich.

1545. 7. Alfred, b. Sept. 10, 1809; d. Dec. 17, 1820, gr-st.

1546. 8. Child, b. 180¹⁰~~9~~; d. 1813, ¹⁰ae. 4 yrs.

1547. 9. Jane, b. July 31, 1811; d. Jan. 25, 1838; m. int. Yar., Jan. 21, 1832, Israel Nickerson of Dennis.

1548.10. Benjamin, b. Apr. 1, 1814; res. Burgettville, Shasta co., Cal., unmd.

1549.11. Harriet, b. Apr. 26, 1817; d. Oct. 16, 1873, gr-st.; m. Nov. 21, 1847, Nelson White of Yar.

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723. EDWARD⁶ SEARS, (Pleazar⁵, Silas⁴, Silas³, Silas², Richard¹) b. Yarmouth, Mass., July 11, 1777; d. Apr. 29, 1859, gr-st., South Yarmouth; m. Yar., Mar. 7, 1797, Susan Crowell of Dennis, Mass., who d. Aug. 15, 1820; and 2d., Yar., Apr. 9, 1821, Ruth Taylor, who d. June 23, 1864, ae. 72 - yrs., gr-st.

Children in Yarmouth:

by Susan,

1550. 1. John, b. Jan. 3, 1798; d. Oct. 1799.

*1551. 2. EDWARD, b. May 12, 1800.

*1552. 3. SAMUEL, b. Jan. 22, 1803.

*1553. 4. EMERY, b. Aug. 25, 1806.

1554. 5. Paulina, b. Apr. 12, 1809; d. inf.

1555. 6. Susan, b. Nov. 24, 1812; m. Yar., Feb. 1834, Peregrine White.

1556. 7. Lois, b. Sept. 21, 1814; m. int. Yar., Dec. 24, 1836, Joshua Baker.

1557. 8. Pauline, b. June 23, 1820; m. Yar., Dec. 30, 1841, Francis Kelly.

by Ruth,

1558. 9. Nathan, b. Jan. 19, 1822.

1559.10. Rebecca, b. Aug. 4, 1824; m. int. Yar., Apr. 1, 1848, Abraham Berry; and 2d., -----.

1560.11. Abby T., b. Apr. 14, 1827; m. Yar., Oct. 29, 1846; Winthrop Crowell.

1561.12. Cornelia, b. Apr. 4, 1830; d. Oct. 15, 1860, gr-st.

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727. ALLEN⁶ SEARS, (Thomas⁵, Thomas⁴, Silas³, Silas², Richard¹) b. Yarmouth, Mass., Aug. 5, 1760; m. Yar., Aug. 4, 1789, (he then being a resident of Albany, N.Y.,) Sarah Howes, dau. of Isaac & Temperance (Crowell) H., she b. Mar. 21, 1761.

Children:

1562. 1. Allen, b. N.Y. State, 1806; d.s.p. Spencer, Owen co., Ind., Dec. 4, 1846; m. Vigo co., Ind., 1846, Sarah A. -----, she b. Licking co., Ohio, Jan. 5, 1827; res. Sullivan, Ind., (she m. 2d., ----- Julian.

He removed when a young man to Western Penn., thence to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he remained but a short time, and thence to Kentucky. He joined the Meth. Epis. Church previous to 1838, and was licensed to preach in that year, and appointed to the Taylorsville Circuit as junior preacher; was transferred to the Ind. Conference in 1845, and appointed to Vincennes Station, and in 1846, to Spencer Circuit.

"Bro. Sears was a man of very strong faith, deep piety, a truly evangelical preacher, and a good pastor."

1563. 2. Daughter, m. ----- Annis, and res. near Battle Creek, Mich.

1564. 3. Son, left a widow at Battle Creek, Mich.

Allen Sears was in Capt. Abial Pierce's Co., in Col. Dike's Reg., Aug. 20, 1776, 120 miles travel; in Capt. Samuel Briggs' Co., in Col. Thomas Collins' Reg., Sept. 29, 1777, at Tiverton, R.I., 32 days service, 1. 1. 4.; in Capt. John Barrows' Co., in Col. Abijah Sternes' Reg., Apr. 4, to July 2, 1778, 2 mos. 21 days, 5. 8. 0.; service at or near Boston, 2 days allowed to travel home; in Lt. Doty's Co., in Col. Eben Sproul's Reg., alarm at Dartmouth, Sept. 5, to Sept. 11, 1778; also May 1st, and 7th, 1776, 6 days, 1. 12. 0.; was in Capt. William Tupper's Co., in Col. Titcomb's Reg., expedition to R.I., 65 days under Maj. Gen. Spencer, 4. 6. 8.

"Allen Sears of Rochester, age 19, 5 feet, 6 inches height, light complexion," arrived at Springfield, July 8, 1780; then went to reinforce Northern Army, near Lake George; served July 6, to Dec. 18, 1780, 5 mos. and 14 days, and 240 miles travel, 12. 2. 10.

After the war he removed to Albany, N.Y., and later to Portage, Allegany co., N.Y., (now Livingston co.,) and in the census of 1840, is set down as a Revolutionary pensioner, and living with Nathaniel Rathbun.

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731. WINTHROP⁶ SEARS, (Eleazar⁵, Thomas⁴, Silas³, Silas², Richard¹) b. Yarmouth, Mass., May 1, 1772; d. Nov. 17, 1838; m. Yar., Dec. 11, 1794, Betsy Crowell, dau. of Gorham & Bethia (Bray) C., she b. June 2, 1774; d. July 30, 1809, in her 36th yr.; and 2d., Yar., 1809, Mrs. Susannah (Blish) Crowell, who d. May 5, 1853.

Children in Yarmouth:

by Susannah,

* 1565. 1. ODLIN PAGE, b. Dec. 25, 1810.

1566. 2. Susan, b. Dec. 26, 1811; m. Yar., Jan. 1832, Christopher Lewis.

1567. 3. Nabby, b. Mar. 10, 1815; m. Yar., Nov. 1835, Higgins Crowell.

*1568. 4. WINTHROP, b. Jan. 2, 1818.

1569. 5. Mary, b. June 1, 1821.

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734. THOMAS⁶ SEARS, (Eleazar⁵, Thomas⁴, Silas³, Silas², Richard¹) b. Yarmouth, Mass., Mar. 16, 1781; d. about 1816; m. Yar., July 16, 1805, Lydia Atwood Gray.

Children in Yarmouth, except the last two in Barnstable:

*1570. 1. SHERBURNE, b. Mar. 12, 1806.

1571. 2. Thomas, b. Apr. 30, 1807; m. -----, and had 2 sons and a dau.

1572. 3. Lydia A., b. ~~July 31, 1811~~; Apr. 17, 1809; m. Whipple Farnum, and had 2 sons and a dau.

1573. 4. Almira, b. July 31, 1811; m. Yar., 1832, Henry Cotton of Nantucket.

1574. 5. Sabra, b. May 10, 1813; d. Mar. 18, 1891; m. int. Dennis, Mass., Nov. 20, 1847, John Howes, Jr., son of John & Rebecca (Matthews) H., he b. 1816; d. Aug. 21, 1872.

Children, Howes:

1. John Winslow, b. Mar. 14, 1850; m. Elizabeth C. Crowell.

2. Thomas Sherburne, b. May 26, 1852; m. Annette Freeman Hall.

3. Mary Emma, b. Dec. 1, 1854; m. J. Wallace Smalley.

June 27, 1816, the Probate Court made an allowance to Lydia Sears, widow of Thomas Sears.

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735. Capt. RICHARD⁶ SEARS, (Eloazar⁵, Thomas⁴, Silas³, Silas², Richard¹)

b. Yarmouth, Mass., July 22, 1783; d. Goshen, N.Y., July 18, 1851, ae.
67 yrs.; m. Yar., Aug. 16, 1810, Ruth Hedge, she b. Apr. 21, 1789; d.
Goshen, Jan. 5, 1871, ae. 81 yrs.

Children:

1575. 1. Edwin, b. Oct. 30, 1812; d. Goshen, Sept. 20, 1853.
1576. 2. Edmund Hall, b. Dec. 29, 1814; d. at sea, Aug. 14, 1837.
1577. 3. Ruth Hedge, b. June 16, 1819; d. Goshen, Dec. 31, 1836.
1578. 4. Jane, b. May 24, 1821, at 147 Grand street, N.Y.; m. Goshen, N.Y.,
Feb. 6, 1844, William Murray Sayer, son of William Allison &
Sarah (Murray) S., of Unionville, N. Y., he b. Minisink, N.Y.,
Mar. 14, 1820; d. Feb. 4, 1896; he was in the Lumber business,
and Pres. Rider Engine Co., Walden, N.Y.

Children, Sayer:

1. Edmund Sears, b. Nov. 28, 1844; m. Meadville, Pa., Oct. 12,
1869, Mary Elizabeth Dick.

Children, Sayer:

1. William Dick, b. July 25, 1870.
2. Jane Dick, b. Sept. 3, 1872; d. Nov. 1, 1881.
3. John Dick, b. Jan. 17, 1874.
4. Edmund Sears, b. Mar. 1, 1875.
5. Anna Alice, b. May 26, 1876.
6. Murray, b. July 31, 1877.
7. Henry Dick, b. Apr. 17, 1879.
8. Ruth, b. Feb. 28, 1882.
9. Arnold Carstensen, b. July 6, 1886.
2. William, b. Sept. 14, 1846; d. May 18, 1849.
3. Ruth Sears, b. July 5, 1848; m. Oct. 9, 1873, Frank A. Merriam,
res. Kansas City, Mo.

Children, Merriam:

1. Bertha Sayer, b. Feb. 17, 1875.
4. Richard Sears, b. Nov. 9, 1850; m. Middletown, N.Y., June
16, 1881, Frances Willard Low; res. Brooklyn, N.Y.

Children, Sayer:

1. Richard Sears, b. Sept. 17, 1879.
2. Reynolds, b. Aug. 24, 1892.
5. William Murray, b. Dec. 20, 1852; m. Jan. 11, 1883, Clara
Halstead; res. Brooklyn, N.Y.

Children, Sayer:

1. Helen, b. Mar. 4, 1884.
2. Winthrop, b. Sept. 28, 1885.
3. Leslie, b. Feb. 8, 1893.
6. Alice Emma, b. Mar. 9, 1855.
7. Jane, b. Sept. 19, 1857; m. Oct. 23, 1879, Joseph Wadsworth
Gott.

Children, Gott:

1. Percy Van Duzer, b. Aug. 21, 1880.
2. Joseph Wadsworth, b. July 26, 1887.
8. Antoinette, b. Jan. 22, 1860.
9. Sally Lavinia, b. May 31, 1863; m. Nov. 2, 1896, Joseph S. Coates.

1579. 5. Lavinia, b. Feb. 3, 1824; d. New York, Oct. 7, 1824.
1580. 6. Julia, b. Mar. 20, 1827; d. Goshen, June 27, 1832.
1581. 7. Sarah Lavinia, b. June 30, 1829; d. Nov. 2, 1861; m. June 13, 1850, James W. Oliver.
1582. 8. Richard, b. Dec. 23, 1833; d. Feb. 1, 1865; m. Goshen, Oct. 10, 1860, Jane Augusta Smith.

Mr. Sears was a sea captain.

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736. Corp. PHILIP⁶ SEARS, (David⁵, James⁴, Silas³, Silas², Richard¹) b. South East, N.Y., 1759; d. Lenox, Mass., July 17, 1831, ae. 72 yrs.; m. Pittsfield, Mass., (int. Lenox, Nov. 25, 1798,) Lavinia Gunn, she b. Pittsfield, 1771; d. Lenox, Mar. 16, 1847, ae. 76 yrs.

Children in Lenox:

- *1583. 1. CHAUNCY, b. June 30, 1799.
1584. 2. Laura D., b. June 11, 1801; m. int. Lenox, Sept. 14, 1822, Chauncy Brooks; res. Sugar Grove, Ill.

Philip Sears served in Capt. Ezra Whittlesey's Co., Sept. 7 to Sept. 30, 1777; in Capt. Charles Dibbet's Co., on alarm of Oct. 12, 1780, 4 days service; and was a corporal in Capt. William Wells' Co., alarm at Saratoga, Oct. 30, to Nov. 7, 1781.

Dec. 3, 1777, "Voted, John Whitlock, Ephraim Smith, David Sears, Philip Sears and Edward Martingale are dangerous to the United States of America," etc., (Town Records.)

He was a farmer.

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737. DAVID⁶ SEARS, (David⁵, James⁴, Silas³, Silas², Richard¹) b. m. Lenox, Mass., Huldah Carr; and 2d., Milton, Saratoga co., N.Y., Jennie Cole, she b. Scotland.

Children, the first in Lenox, the others in Milton:

- *1585. 1. DAVID, b. June 13, 1785.

1586. 2. Lovilly, b. Oct. 25, 1786; d. Nunda, Ill.; m. Auburn, N.Y.,
William Hoffman.
1587. 3. Abigail, d. Mar. 16, 1850; m. Hezekiah Hoyt.
1588. 4. Huldah, b. Jan. 28, 1798; m. Milton, N.Y., Apr. 26, 1815, Alexander
Shearer, he b. there, June 9, 1786; settled in Camillus, N.Y.,
when it was a wilderness; he was a farmer and Deacon of the
Presb. Ch.; he d. Sept. 29, 1845.
Children, Shearer:
1. Abigail, b. May 27, 1816; m. Jan. 29, 1834, James Van Alstine.
2. Harriet, b. June 28, 1818.
3. David, b. Mar. 1, 1821; d. June 12, 1883; m. Jan. 10, 1844,
Almira Van Alstine.
4. Huldah, b. Sept. 8, 1822; m. May 13, 1847, Albert G. Townsend,
he b. Pompey, N.Y., Apr. 29, 1823; d. Feb. 8, 1875.
5. Alexander, b. July 28, 1825; m. Jan. 2, 1856, Margaret Hopkins,
she b. Amboy, N.J., Oct. 24, 1831.
6. Lovilly, b. Mar. 3, 1828; m. May 1, 1845, William B. Preslow,
he b. England; d. Jan. 11, 1881; was a miller, and later
a red-potter.
7. Mary Jane, b. Apr. 5, 1833.
- *1589. 5. ELEAZAR, b. July 31, 1801.
1590. 6. Isaac, d. Ballston Spa, N.Y., Dec. 17, 1834; m. Visonia Jones,
(who m. 2d., ----- St. John,) res. Wolcott, N.Y.
1591. 7. Edward, d. Kalamazoo, Mich.; m. Camillus, N.Y., Rebecca Hand,
(another account says he m. Martha Lamb;) who d. in Kalamazoo.
1592. 8. John, d. Kalamazoo.
1593. 9. Major, d. Saratoga, N.Y., ae. 19 yrs.

David Sears was in Capt. William Ford's Co., in Col. John Brown's Reg.,
at Stone Arabia, N.Y., July 21 to Oct. 27, 1780; and marched to Stillwater,
in Capt. Josiah Yale's Co., Oct. 12, 1791, doing 12 days service.

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738. ISAAC⁶ SEARS, (David⁵, James⁴, Silas³, Silas², Richard¹) b. Lenox,

Mass., or perhaps in South East, N.Y.; m. Priscilla Stearns, dau. of
Oliver S., of Mansfield, Conn., she b. about 1768; d. Lenox, May 1, 1799.

Children in Lenox:

1594. 1. Elijah, b. May 11, 1794.
1595. 2. Polly, b. July 12, 1796.
1596. 3. Melissa.

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739. LUTHER⁶ SEARS, (David⁵, James⁴, Silas³, Silas², Richard¹) b. Lenox, Mass., 1772; d. Volney, N.Y., July 1857, ae. 85 yrs.; m. Lenox. Feb. 5, 1798, by Eldad Lewis, J.P., to Anna Foster.

Children in Lenox:

*1597. 1. NELSON, b. Aug. 12, 1798.

1598. 2. Nancy, b. 1800; d. 1883, ae. 83 yrs.; m. Lenox, Nov. 1, 1821, Levi Butler; res. Lenox.
Children, Butler:
1. Luther.
2. A. C.
3. John.
4. Marshall, of Richmond, Mass.
5. Maria, m. ----- Howland of Lenox.

*1599. 3. MARSHALL SEARS, b. 1802.

*1600. 4. ZACHARIAH P., b. 1804.

*1601. 5. LUTHER, b. 1806.

1602. 6. Marietta, b. 1809; m. May 14, 1829, Ira Carrier, and removed to Fulton, N.Y.
Child, Carrier:
1. Ira, res. Fulton, N.Y.

1603. 7. Ann Maria, m. Lyman Judd, and d. Volney, N.Y.
Children, Judd:
1. Alphonse, res. Fulton, N.Y.
2. Sarah.

1604. 8. Harriet, b. 1819; m. Fred. Washburn of Lenox.
Child, Washburn:
1. George, res. Lenox.

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740. JAMES⁶ SEARS, (David⁵, James⁴, Silas³, Silas², Richard¹) b. Lenox, Mass., May 15, 1776; d. Richford, N.Y., Feb. 22, 1847; m. Lenox, Dec. 23, 1798, by Rev. Samuel Shepard, to Lucy Judd, she b. Pittsfield, Mass., Nov. 28, 1776; d. Richford.

Children in Lenox:

1605. 1. Lucy, b. Nov. 18, 1802; d. June 1872; m. Lenox, Sept. 11, 1825, George Cargill, he b. Goshen, Mass., Jan. 31, 1802; d. Newark Valley, N.Y., Sept. 22, 1872; was son of John & Mary (Crow) C.

1606. 2. Patty, b. May 18, 1806; m. James Bristol, and removed to Castle Creek, Broome co., N.Y.

*1607. 3. DIOCLESIAN, b. Nov. 15, 1808.

1608. 4. Sally, b. Apr. 9, 1810; m. int. Lenox, Dec. 25, 1831, Lucius D. Rogers of Lenox; rem. to Richford, N.Y., where he died.
Child, Rogers:

1. Sarah, m. Horatio Sykes, res. Berkshire, N.Y.; she m. 2d.,
----- Cross, "an old man of Berkshire;" had several children.

*1609. 5. PHILIP, b. May 21, 1812.

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741. ZACHARIAH⁶ SEARS, (David,⁵ James,⁴ Silas³, Silas², Richard¹) b. Lenox, Mass., Apr. 1778; d. Nov. 17, 1865, ae. 87 yrs., of old age; m. int. Lenox, July 29, 1805, Sally Hall of Ashfield, Mass.; and 2d., Almira Butler, who d. Mar. 13, 1857, ae. 71 yrs.

Children in Lenox:

by Sarah,

1610. 1. Zachariah Paddock, m. Mary Ann Millard.

1611. 2. David, m. a Virginia lady.

*1612. 3. SAMUEL H., b. 1808.

by Almira,

*1613. 4. JOHN, b. Dec. 3, 1812.

*1614. 5. ELIJAH.

1615. 6. Sarah, m. John Parker.

*1616. 7. JAMES.

*1617. 8. LEVI L., b. Apr. 8, 1825.

1618. 9. Polly, m. ----- Whitaker of Pittsfield, Mass.

1619.10. Maria.

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742. CALVIN⁶ SEARS, (David,⁵ James,⁴ Silas³, Silas², Richard¹) b. Oblong, N.Y., 1768; d. Lenox, Mass., Mar. 6, 1859, ae. 90 yrs.; m. int. Lenox, Dec. 25, 1792, Mary Hubby of Pittsfield, Mass. His name is sometimes

written in the records, John Calvin Sears.

Children in Lenox:

1620. 1. Mary Maria, b. May 14, 1800.

1621. 2. Fannie, b. Mar. 30, 1802; m. July 15, 1823, John A. Phelps of Lenox.

*1621a. 3. CALVIN, b. Aug. 6, 1804.

1621b. 4. George, m. ----- Brown of Pittsfield, Mass.

1621c. 5. William, m. ----- Clark of Washington, Mass.; was with John Brown in Kansas.

Mr. Sears kept a tavern in Worthington, Mass.

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747. KNOCH HAMLIN⁶ SEARS, (Seth⁵, James⁴, Silas³, Silas², Richard¹) b.

m. ----- Smith, dau. of Jeremiah S., of Charlton, N.Y.

Children:

*1622. 1. ALEXANDER, b. Aug. 9, 1782.

1623. 2. Betsy, m. Jonathan Hedges.

Children, Hedges:

1. Elias.

2. William.

3. Henry.

1624. 3. Ruth, m. Jonathan Curtis.

Children, Curtis:

1. Thomas.

2. Caroline.

1625. 4. Sally, m. ----- Pierson, and died six weeks later of consumption.

1626. 5. Lewis.

1627. 6. Smith, was taken West by relatives, and not heard from since.

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748. SETH⁶ SEARS, (Seth⁵, James⁴, Silas³, Silas², Richard¹) b. about 1771;

d. Milltown, N.Y., May 1, 1819, ae. 48 yrs., gr-st.; m. Ruhamah Andrews,

who d. Dec. 9, 1813, ae. 31 yrs.; and 2d., Mrs. Eunice (Paddock) Crosby,

(a cousin of Joseph Crane Sears, through his mother, she had two daughters

by her first husband, one of whom, Mrs. Morris, who died in Bridgeport, Conn., Sept. 1, 1890, ae. 91 years, was the mother of "Blind Fanny Crosby, the hymn writer," now Mrs. Van Alstyne of New York.)

Children:

1628. 1. Ebenezer, m. -----, and had a daughter.
 1629. 2. Peter, d. unmd.
 1630. 3. Naomi.
 1631. 4. Roxanna.
 1632. 5. Seth, m. Polly -----; and d.s.p. Norwalk, Conn.
 1633. 6. Lewis, m. -----; and went West.
 1634. 7. Ruhamah, d. Dec. 26, 1830, in her 16th yr., gr-st., South East, N.Y.

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749. ELEAZAR H.⁶ SEARS, (Seth⁵, James⁴, Silas³, Silas², Richard¹) b. South East, N.Y., or Danbury, Conn., 1771; d. De Ruyter, N.Y., 1855, ae. 84 yrs.; m. South East, Betsy Marvin, who d. De Ruyter, 1854, ae. 76 yrs.

Children, the first four in So. East, the fifth in De Ruyter:

1635. 1. Stephen Gregory, b. 1798; d. De Ruyter, 1868.
 1636. 2. Ann M., b. 1800; d. Casenovia, N.Y., 1874.
 1637. 3. George, b. 1804; d. De Ruyter, 1858.
 1638. 4. Francis, b. 1808; d. Homer, N.Y., 1870; m. Mary Nye, dau. of James & Thankful (Crocker) N., and gr-dau. of John & Anna (Wing) N., of Sandwich, Mass.
 Children, Sears:
 1. Mary, m. ----- Bailey, res. 314 Fifth Ave., Clinton, Iowa.
 *1639. 5. ODELL^{W.} H., b. 1815.

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752. DANIEL⁶ SEARS, (Knowles⁵, James⁴, Silas³, Silas², Richard¹) b. Ridgefield, Conn., May 14, 1762; d. Van Buren, N.Y., Feb. 18, 1840; m. Mar. 30, 1787, Catharine Warin, she b. Oct. 10, 1767; d. Apr. 3, 1860.

Children:

1640. 1. Alfred, b. Jan. 14, 1789; d. unmd., July 28, 1856.
- *1641. 2. ARZA, b. Rensselaerville, N.Y., Oct. 17, 1790.
1642. 3. Ambrose, b. Aug. 17, 1793; d. ^{Ellington} ~~Billington~~, N.Y., Aug. 9, 1843;
m. Ruth -----.
- *1643. 4. AHIRAM, b. Apr. 5, 1795.
1644. 5. Ruhamah, b. Dec. 22, 1796; d. Apr. 4, 1878; m. Samuel Barager,
he b. 1794; d. 1871; res. Candor, N.Y.
Children, Barager:
1. Mahala Ann, m. June 15, 1841, Thomas Marshall; she was a
school teacher.
2. Emeline, m. ----- Smith.
3. Samantha, d. unmd.
4. Herbert A., b. 1830; m. Hattie Currie of Hudson, N.Y.
5. George T., b. 1832; m. Nettie Coburn of Meadville, Pa.
6. Charles F., mem. N.Y. Assembly, 1884; m. Mary Markell, res.
Candor, N.Y.
7. James, d. young.
8. William, d. young.
1645. 6. Abijah, b. Nov. 25, 1798; d. unmd., June 26, 1837.
1646. 7. Rufus, b. Sept. 2, 1802; d. Nov. 26, 1866; m. Amanda Townsend,
(a sister of Benajah T.,) removed to Schoharie, N.Y., thence to
Susquehanna, Pa., and in 1854, to Crown Point, Lake co., Ind.
1647. 8. Maria, b. Mar. 1, 1805; d. Oct. 19, 1841; m. Asa West Bushnell,
a Presb. minister, and removed to Le Roy, Calhoun co., Mich.,
in 1840.
Children, Bushnell:
1. Asa.
2. John.

Daniel Sears removed about 1793, to Rensselaerville, N.Y., and in 1835,
to Van Buren, N.Y., where he dwelt with his son Arza until his death in
1840.

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757. JOHN⁶ SEARS, (Knowles⁵, James⁴, Silas³, Silas², Richard¹) b. Oct. 15,
1772; d. Sept. 1, 1839; m. Mary Townsend, dau. of Uriah & Hannah T., she
b. July 25, 1772; d. Aug. 6, 1819; and 2d., Apr. 20, 1820, Phebe Lusk,
she b. Aug. 27, 1784; d. Apr. 28, 1855.

Children, the first six in Rensselaerville, the last two in Red Creek,
by Mary,

1648. 1. Susanna, b. Nov. 30, 1793; d. Aug. 22, 1808.